to step up the production and refining capacity.

(c) Measures taken by Government to tackle the problem include:

(i) Several demand management measures undertaken to restrict the demand.

(ii) Measures taken for conservation of petroleum products including awareness campaigns.

(iii) Building up of inventory of crude and products within the over all constraints.

(iv) Import of products from non-Gulf sources.

(v) Attempts to diversify the sources of imports.

Import of Petroleum Products

114. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the volume of annual imports of petrol and petroleum products from Kuwait, Iraq and other Gulf countries during the last three years;

(b) how much of the petroleum products have actually been imported so far during 1990-91;

(c) whether these imports have been affected adversely due to the Gulf War; and

(d) what steps, if any, have been taken by Government to make good the shortage in imports caused by the Gulf War?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Import of crude oil and petroleum products is done both under term contracts with the National Oil Companies of the oil producing countries as well as through spot purchases. Spot purchases are not relatable to specific countries. Therefore, it is not possible to give country-wise details of the import. However, major partof our crude oil is normally imported from Gulf countries.

(b) About 6.68 MMT of Petrodeum products have been imported during April 1990 to January 1991.

(c) and (d) The supplies from Kuwait and Iraq stopped due to the Gulf crisis. However, arrangements for additional supplies from alternative sources were made to cover the shortfall from Kuwait and Iraq.

Appointments on compassionate grounds in Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot

115. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of appointments on compassionate grounds pending at present with the Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot;

(b) by when all such cases are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the number of appointments on compassionate grounds during the last six years in the above organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) The number of applications with the three airlines are as under:—

Air India	— 86
Indian Airlines	— 29
Vayudoot	— 3

(b) No deficit time schedule can be fixed for such appointments since they are subject to availability of vacancies